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1979.
IT BEGINS ON A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT...
STEPHEN!
I... I CAN'T... GO ON... ANY FURTHER!
WE'RE ALMOST THERE, RACHEL!
THE TREELINE'S JUST AHEAD!
SPLISH SPLASH SPLISH SPLASH SPLISH!
WE'LL LOSE 'EM IN THERE!
COME ON! YOU CAN DO IT!
MA...MOMMA?!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, HONEY. DON'T CRY.
I'M HERE, MATTHEW, JUST BE BRA--
STEPHEN! THEY'VE FOUND US!
STOP WHERE YOU ARE, CALLAHAN!
THIS IS YOUR LAST WARNING!
THEY'RE MAKIN' FOR THE TREES, SARGE!
WE'RE GONNA LOSE 'EM IF THEY--
I'VE STILL GOT HER.
WE'VE GOT NO CHOICE NOW!
ADAMS, TAKE 'EM OUT!
BRIGGS, HOLD THE SHIP STEADY.

THE FEMALES NEUTRALIZED!
BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!
NOOOO! RACHEL!
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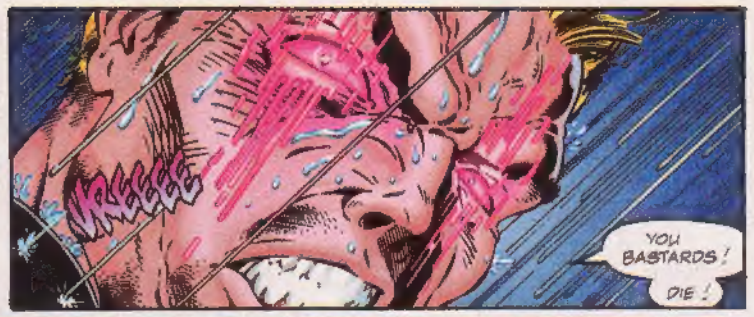
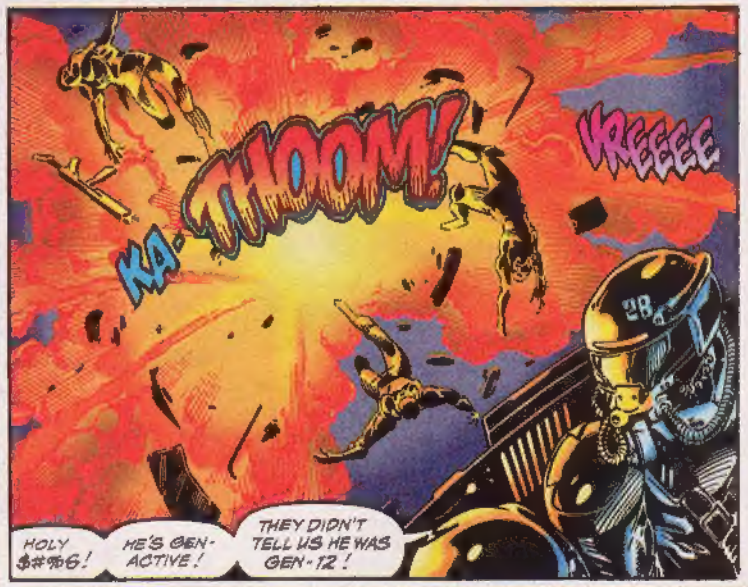
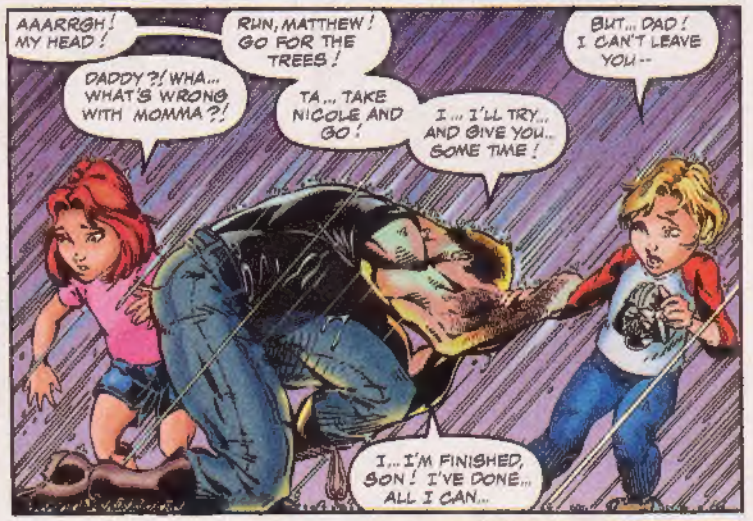
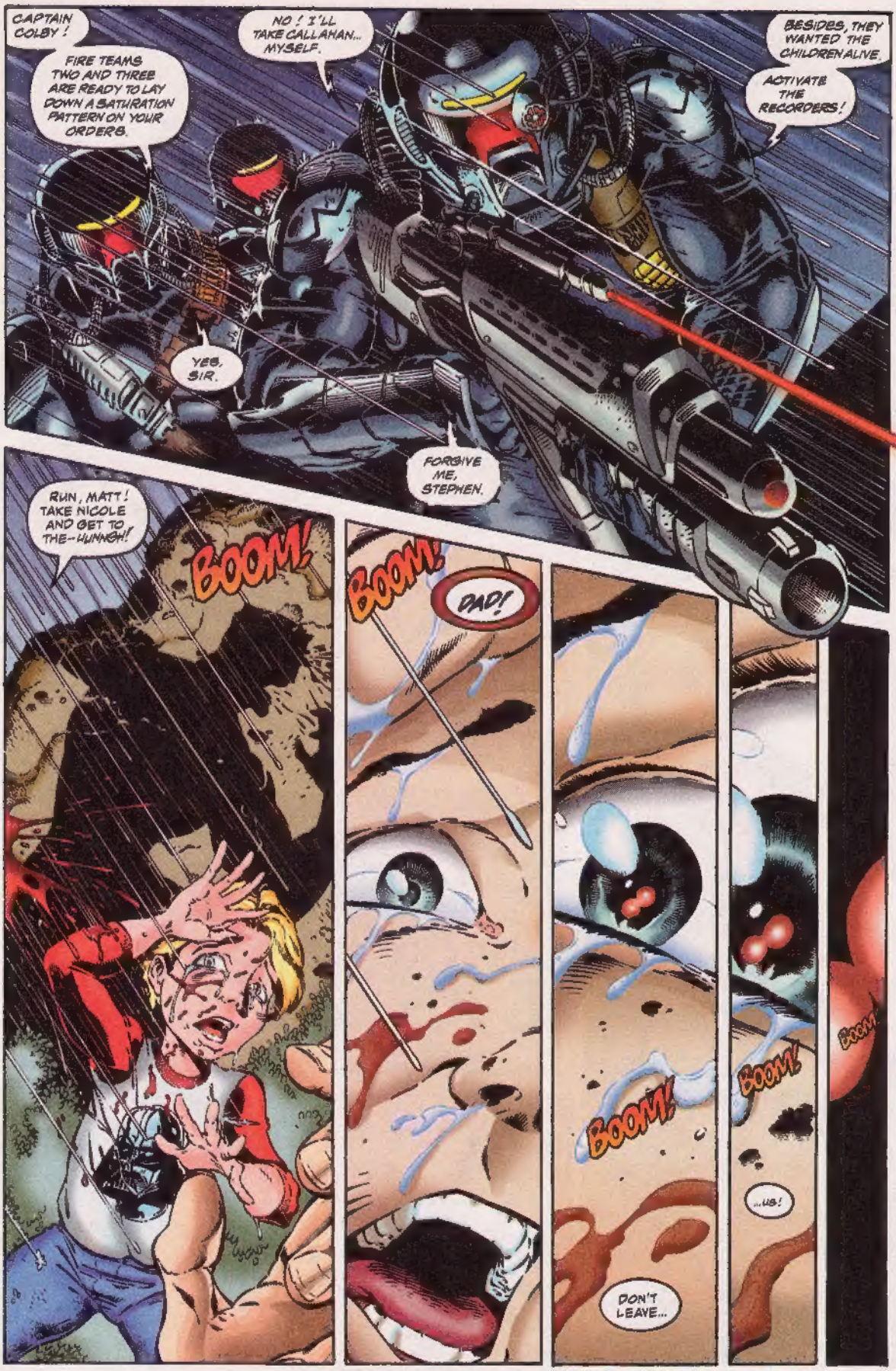
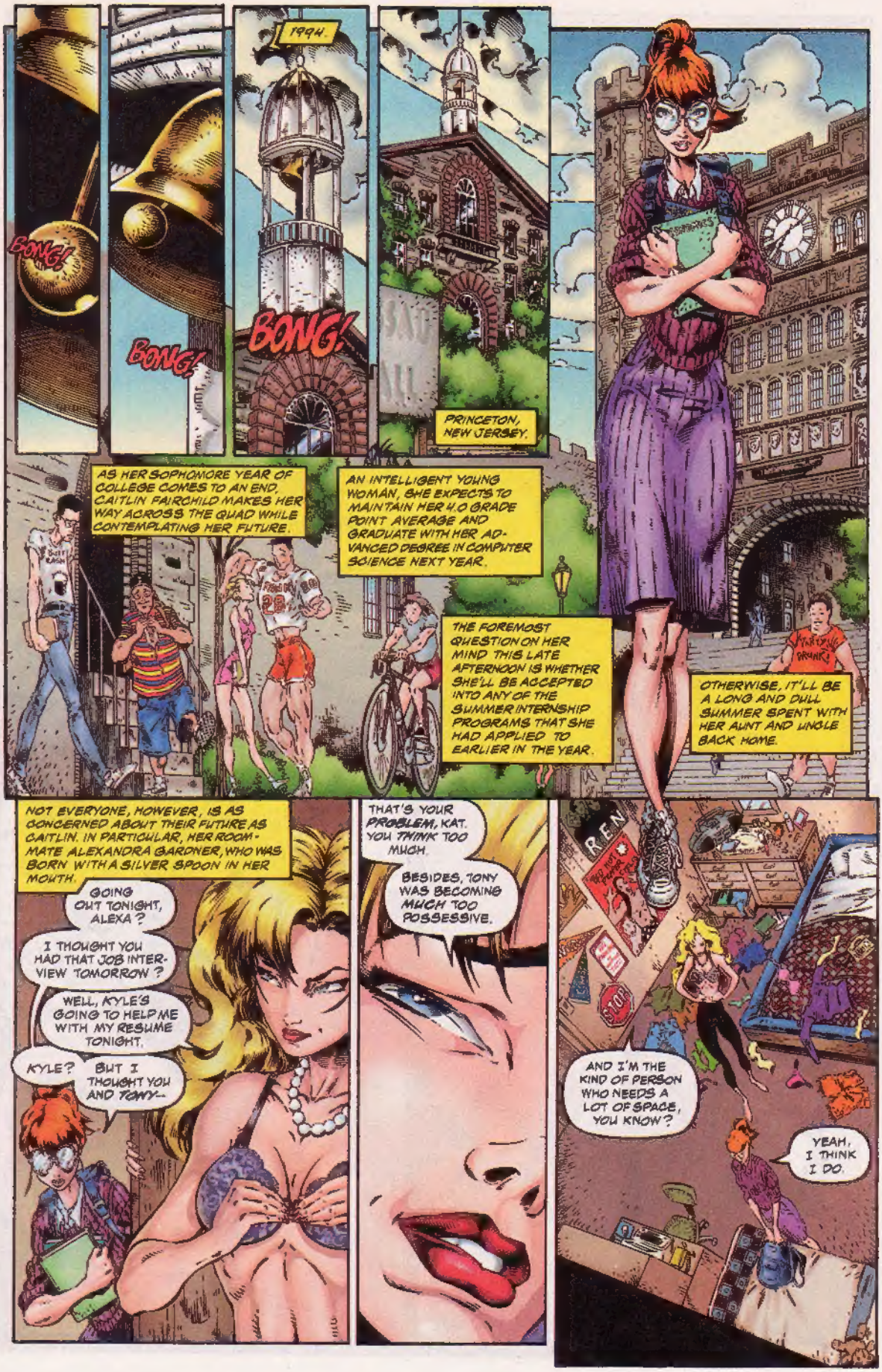


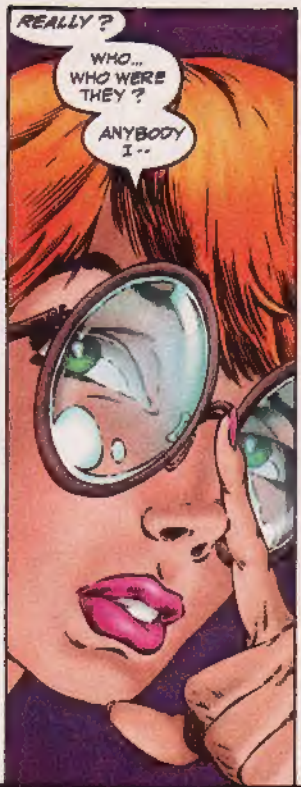





CAPTAIN COLBY!
FIRE TEAMS TWO AND THREE ARE READY TO LAY DOWN A SATURATION PATTERN ON YOUR ORDERS.
NO! I'LL TAKE CALLAHAN... MYSELF.
BESIDES, THEY WANTED THE CHILDREN ALIVE.
ACTIVATE THE RECORDERS!
YES, SIR.
FORGIVE ME, STEPHEN.
RUN, MATT! TAKE NICOLE AND GET TO THE--UUNNGH!
BOOM!
BOOM!
DAD!
BOOM!
DON'T LEAVE...
BOOM!
...US!
BOOM!


BONG!
BONG!
1994.
BONG!
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY.
AS HER SOPHOMORE YEAR OF COLLEGE COMES TO AN END, CAITLIN FAIRCHILD MAKES HER WAY ACROSS THE QUAD WHILE CONTEMPLATING HER FUTURE.
AN INTELLIGENT YOUNG WOMAN, SHE EXPECTS TO MAINTAIN HER 4.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE AND GRADUATE WITH HER ADVANCED DEGREE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE NEXT YEAR.
THE FOREMOST QUESTION ON HER MIND THIS LATE AFTERNOON IS WHETHER SHE'LL BE ACCEPTED INTO ANY OF THE SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS THAT SHE HAD APPLIED TO EARLIER IN THE YEAR.
OTHERWISE, IT'LL BE A LONG AND DULL SUMMER SPENT WITH HER AUNT AND UNCLE BACK HOME.
NOT EVERYONE, HOWEVER, IS AS CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR FUTURE AS CAITLIN. IN PARTICULAR, HER ROOMMATE ALEXANDRA GARDNER, WHO WAS BORN WITH A SILVER SPOON IN HER MOUTH.
GOING OUT TONIGHT, ALEXA?
I THOUGHT YOU HAD THAT JOB INTERVIEW TOMORROW?
WELL, KYLE'S GOING TO HELP ME WITH MY RESUME TONIGHT.
KYLE?
BUT I THOUGHT YOU AND TONY--
THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, KAT. YOU THINK TOO MUCH.
BESIDES, TONY WAS BECOMING MUCH TOO POSSESSIVE.
AND I'M THE KIND OF PERSON WHO NEEDS A LOT OF SPACE, YOU KNOW?
YEAH, I THINK I DO.

BY THE WAY, KAT, I ALMOST FORGOT.
SOME GUYS CAME BY EARLIER LOOKING FOR YOU.
GUYS?

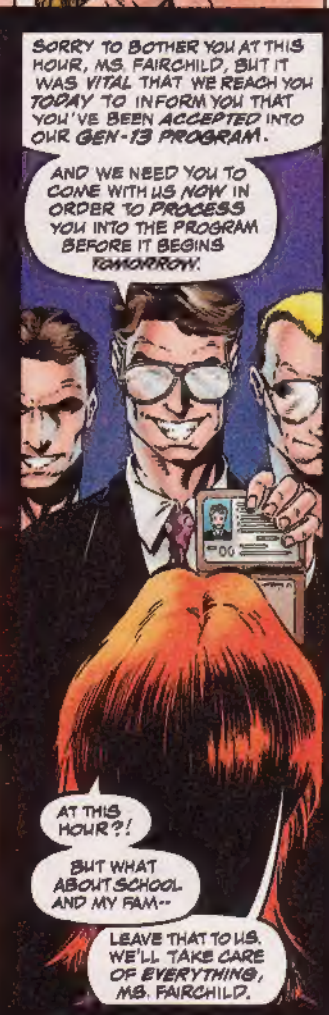

REALLY?
WHO... WHO WERE THEY?
ANYBODY I--

RELAX, HONEY.
THEY WERE MIDDLE-AGED SUITS FROM... NEC? OR WAS IT, NSA? ANYWAY, THEY WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOME INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.

WELL, I'M OUT OF HERE, DARLING.
BY THE WAY, I MIGHT BE BACK LATER WITH KYLE.
IF YOU COULD BE A DOLL AND DO SOME LAB WORK TONIGHT...
OH... I MEAN, SURE.
NO PROBLEM, ALEXA.

LATER...
KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK
MMMBLMM
WHO?

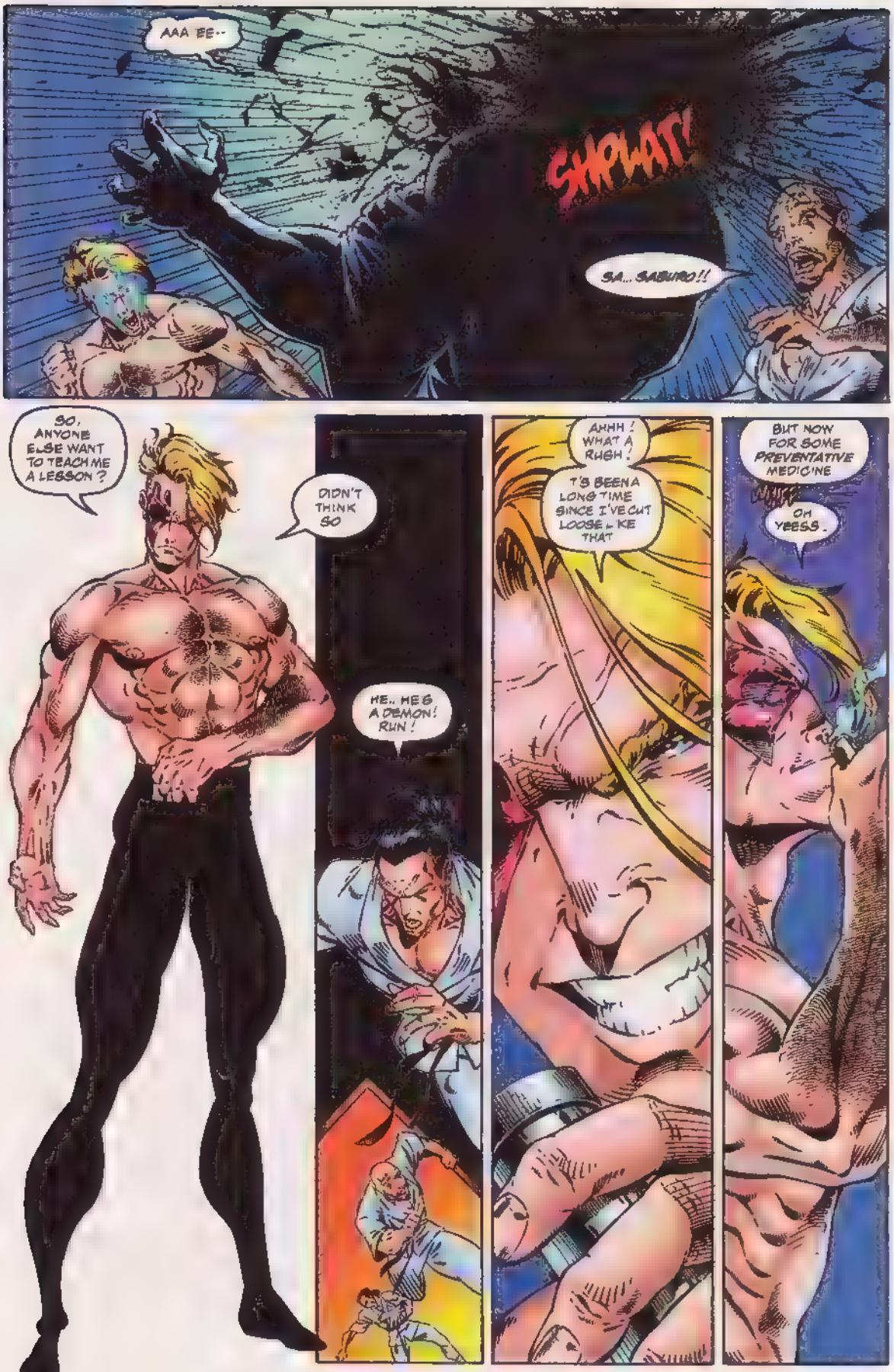
IS THAT YOU, ALEXA?
MS. FAIRCHILD?
MY NAME IS SPECIAL AGENT BARKER. I'M WITH THE NATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE.
I WAS WONDERING IF I MIGHT HAVE A WORD WITH YOU.
UH... SURE.

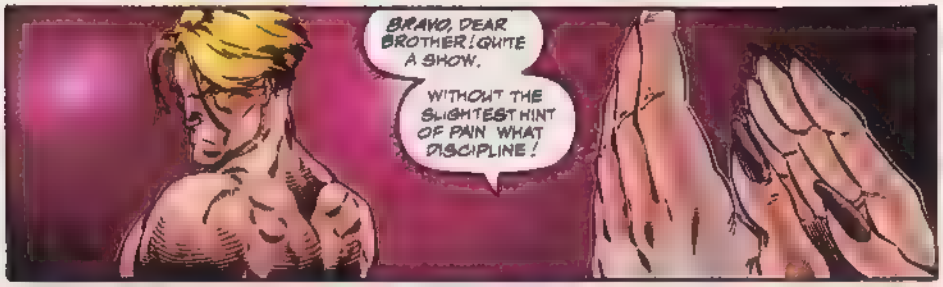

SORRY TO BOTHER YOU AT THIS HOUR, MS. FAIRCHILD, BUT IT WAS VITAL THAT WE REACH YOU TODAY TO INFORM YOU THAT YOU'VE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO OUR GEN-13 PROGRAM.
AND WE NEED YOU TO COME WITH US NOW IN ORDER TO PROCESS YOU INTO THE PROGRAM BEFORE IT BEGINS TOMORROW.
AT THIS HOUR?!
BUT WHAT ABOUT SCHOOL AND MY FAM--
LEAVE THAT TO US. WE'LL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING, MS. FAIRCHILD.

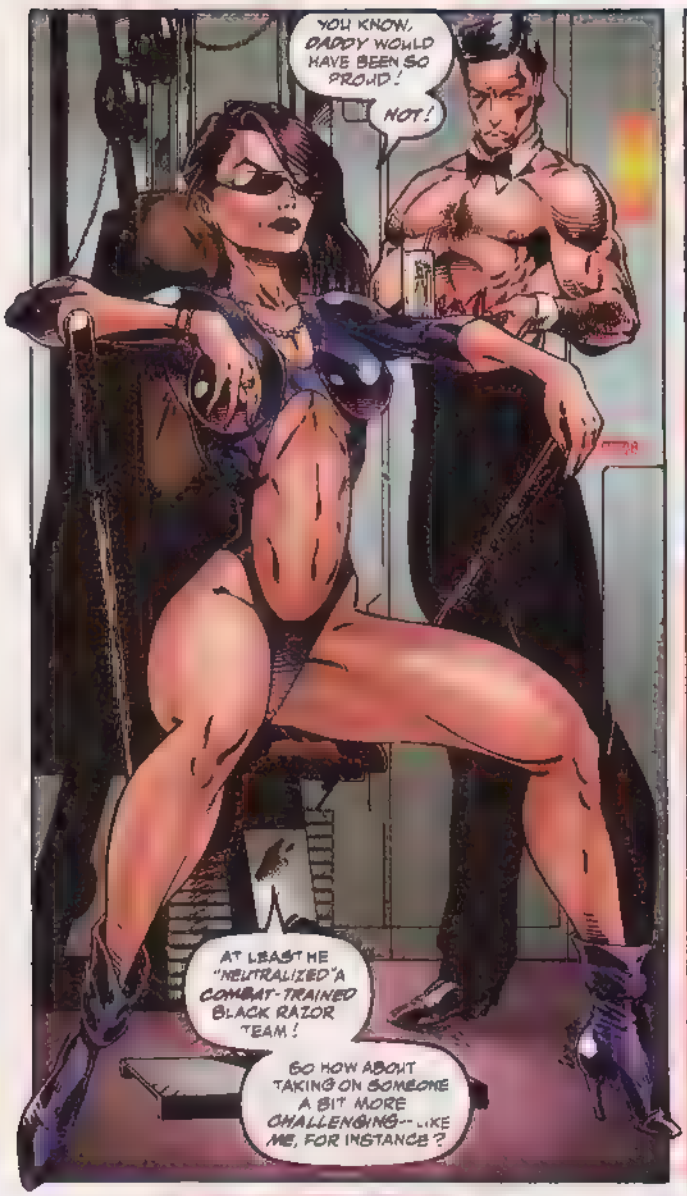
MEANWHILE.
WASHINGTON, D.C. I.O. SCI-TECH BUREAU OFFICE...
SO WHAT BRINGS YOU TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, JACK?
A LITTLE OUT OF YOUR JURISDICTION, AREN'T YOU?
YOU'VE BEEN REQUISITIONING SOME OF MY BLACK RAZOR TEAMS FROM OPERATIONS.
I'M HERE TO FIND OUT WHY, IVANA.
MERELY AS BACK-UP SECURITY PERSONNEL.
IT WAS CRAVEN'S IDEA.
YOU REALLY NEEDN'T WORRY, THOUGH. EVERYTHING'S UNDER CONTROL.
REALLY?
THE LAST TIME SCI-TECH USED THE BLACK RAZORS WAS FOR PROJECT GENESIS.
TALK TO ME, IVANA. WHAT'S CRAVEN UP TO?!
AS ONE OF THE I.O. TRIUMVIRATE, I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU ANYTHING, JACK.
BUT I LIKE YOU, SO YOU MIGHT AS WELL KNOW.
I'VE BEEN AUTHORIZED BY CRAVEN TO REACTIVATE GENESIS AS THE GEN-13 PROJECT, WITH OR WITHOUT YOUR HELP.
IT'S TOO RISKY, IVANA!
DON'T YOU REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE GEN-12 PROJECT AND TEAM 7?
WE WOULD'VE BEEN GUTTED BY THAT CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION LAST TIME IF THE CIA HADN'T TAKEN THE FALL.
IF THEY EVER GET WIND OF THIS UP ON THE HILL...
LOOK, CRAVEN'S CALLING THE SHOTS ON THIS ONE.
YOU KNOW HE'S ALWAYS HAD AN AX TO GRIND WITH KEEVER OVER AT YOUNGBLOOD.
I WARNED HIM BACK THEN THAT GENESIS WAS A MISTAKE.
I GUESS THAT'S WHY HE KEPT YOU IN THE DARK ON THIS ONE, JACK.
HE'S DETERMINED TO HAVE HIS OWN SPB* PROGRAM.
WHEN DO YOU BECOME OPERATIONAL?
*SPB - SUPER POWERED BEING.
SINCE TWO MONTHS AGO.
WE'VE ALREADY GATHERED OUR FIRST TEST SUBJECTS.

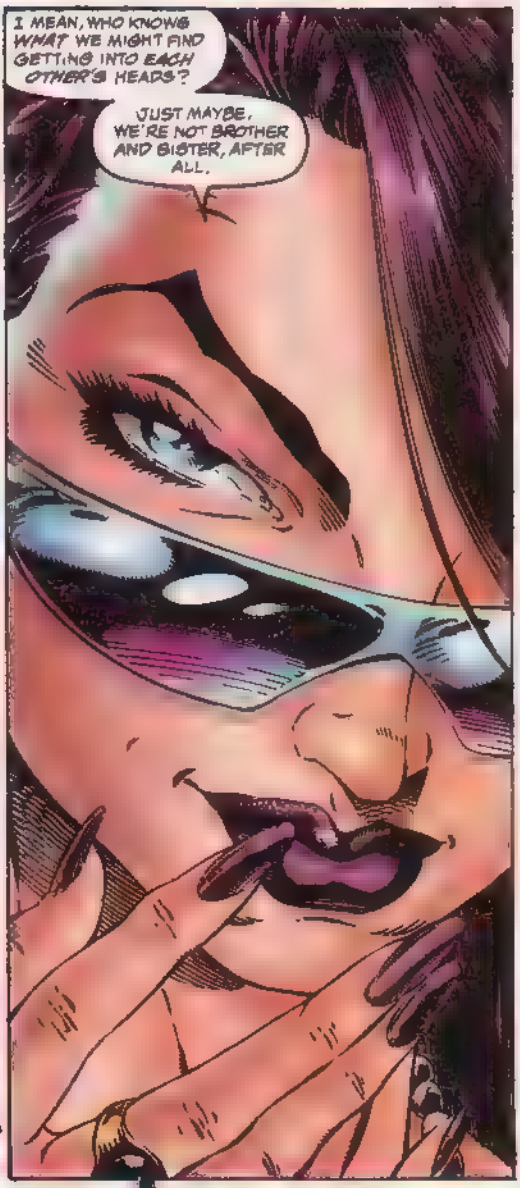
HOW ARE YOU SELECTING THEM?
WE'RE DOING A NATION-WIDE GEN-FACTOR SEARCH ALONG THE SAME PARA-METERS THAT WERE SET FOR PHASE 1.
THIS TIME, THOUGH, THE FOCUS IS BEING PLACED ON THE PROGENY OF THE GEN-12.
ONCE THE TEST POPULATION IS ESTABLISHED, WE'LL START THE SELECTION PROCESS UTILIZING THE CATALYTIC-ACTIVATOR!
WHAT?! WE'VE BEEN DOWN THIS ROAD BEFORE, IVANA!
GEN-FACTOR ACTIVATION WAS DANGEROUS ENOUGH USING LATENTS. BUT TO UTILIZE GEN-12 PROGENY IS RECKLESS. YOU KNOW WHAT PHASE 1 DID TO ME AND MY FAMILY!
SO THAT'S WHY YOU'RE REALLY HERE, ISN'T IT, JACK?
STILL HOPING TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR "FORMER FRIENDS" FROM TEAM 7 DID WITH YOUR SON?
WHAT I'M DOING IS LOOKING OUT FOR THE INTERESTS OF I.O. IF WE LOSE CONTROL LIKE THE LAST...
IT WON'T HAPPEN THIS TIME.
WE'VE GOT OUR TEST SUBJECTS ISOLATED AT THE DEATH VALLEY COMPOUND.
THERE'LL BE NO SECURITY LEAKS!
WHAT MAKES YOU SO SURE YOU'LL EVEN FIND A GEN-POSITIVE?
BECAUSE, JACK, I'VE ALREADY GOT ONE! HELL BE SCANNING OUR TEST POPULATION FOR OTHER POTENTIALS.
ACTUALLY, IT'S QUITE FORTUITOUS THAT THE GEN-ACTIVES ARE DRAWN TO EACH OTHER.
THE ONE I'VE GOT IS CODE-NAMED THRESHOLD.
AND IF HE'S ANY INDICATION OF THE POTENTIAL POWER THAT'S WITHIN OUR GRASP, THEN NO RISK IS TOO GREAT!

"I WANT TO MEET HIM, IVANA."
HAARRGH!
WHUCK!
I MISSED?! BUT NO ONE CAN MOVE THAT FAST!
ONLY ONE WHO HAS TRAINED HIS ENTIRE LIFE WITH THE MASTERS TO BECOME THE VERY BEST.
BUT DON'T TAKE IT TOO BADLY. I'M JUST THE BETTER MAN.
THEN PERHAPS A LESSON IN HUMILITY IS IN ORDER, YOUNG MASTER!
UUUNNGH!
WELL DONE, SABURO.
HA! HA! HA!
COME, GAIJIN! TELL US MORE ABOUT THESE MASTERS.
YOU. BASTARDS!
NO ONE LAUGHS...
CREEEE
... AT ME!
CREEEE
EEERGH?!


AAA EE··
SHPLAT!
SA... SABURO!!
SO, ANYONE ELSE WANT TO TEACH ME A LESSON?
DIDN'T THINK SO
HE.. HE'S A DEMON! RUN!
AHHH! WHAT A RUSH!
T'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE CUT LOOSE LIKE THAT
BUT NOW FOR SOME PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE
OH YEESS.


BRAVO, DEAR BROTHER! QUITE A SHOW.
WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST HINT OF PAIN WHAT DISCIPLINE!


YOU KNOW, DADDY WOULD HAVE BEEN SO PROUD!
NOT!
AT LEAST HE "NEUTRALIZED" A COMBAT-TRAINED BLACK RAZOR TEAM!
SO HOW ABOUT TAKING ON SOMEONE A BIT MORE CHALLENGING-- LIKE ME, FOR INSTANCE?


I MEAN, WHO KNOWS WHAT WE MIGHT FIND GETTING INTO EACH OTHER'S HEADS?
JUST MAYBE, WE'RE NOT BROTHER AND SISTER, AFTER ALL.

GET YOUR MIND OUT OF THE GUTTER, NICOLE I'M NOT ONE OF YOUR CHIPPENDALE BOY-TOYS
BESIDES, WE'VE GOT A NEW GROUP OF TEST SUBJECTS TO PROCESS TOMORROW, SO KEEP YOUR FOCUS ON THE JOB!
KEEP YOUR FOCUS ON THIS, BIG BROTHER!
ALL WORK AND NO PLAY REALLY HAS MADE YOU INTO A DULL BOY, MATT

EARLY THE FOLLOWING MORNING..
WE LIKE OUR [illegible] MS FAIRCHILD
ANYWAY, WELCOME TO YOUR NEW HOME
LET'S GET YOU TO THE PROCESSING CENTER SO YOU CAN START YOUR ORIENTATION.
THE WAY IT'S BUILT INTO THE MOUNTAIN... OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF... NOWHERE!
THIS BUILDING... IT'S INCREDIBLE!
SECURITY IDENT. VERIFICATION--FAIRCHILD, KAITLIN.
I'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOU, MR LYNCH
IT'S NOT OFTEN THAT ONE GETS TO MEET A GEN-12, MUCH LESS A FORMER MEMBER OF TEAM 7.
SO, WHY'D YOU WANT TO SEE ME?
I NEED A FAVOR.
ACTUALLY, SOME INFORMATION.
YOU MAY HAVE HEARD THAT MY SON WAS TAKEN FROM ME NEARLY TWENTY YEARS AGO BY SOME RENEGADE GEN-12. HE'D BE ABOUT YOUR AGE
AS THE DIRECTOR OF I.O. OPERATIONS, I'D BE VERY... GRATEFUL... IF YOU KEPT ME UPDATED ON THE STATUS OF YOUR GEN-13 SEARCH--
I'M AFRAID, I CAN'T HELP YOU, MR. LYNCH.
THIS IS A SCI-TECH OPERATION AND AS SUCH, I REPORT ONLY TO IVANA.
NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I HAVE A NEW ARRIVAL TO ATTEND TO. GOODBYE, MR LYNCH
THIS ISN'T OVER YET, BOY.
NOT BY A LONG SHOT.

LATER THAT NIGHT, AFTER A HECTIC DAY OF ORIENTATION...
YOUR ROOM IS NUMBER 16, CAITLIN
CLASSES BEGIN EARLY TOMORROW, SO YOU'LL NEED A GOOD NIGHT'S REST.
ANY QUESTIONS, MY DEAR?
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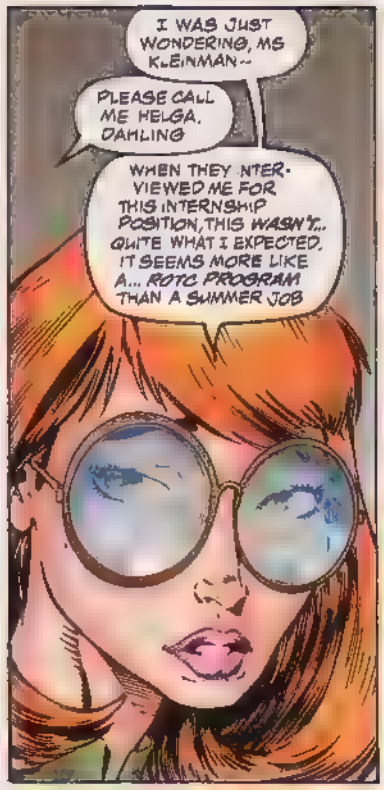
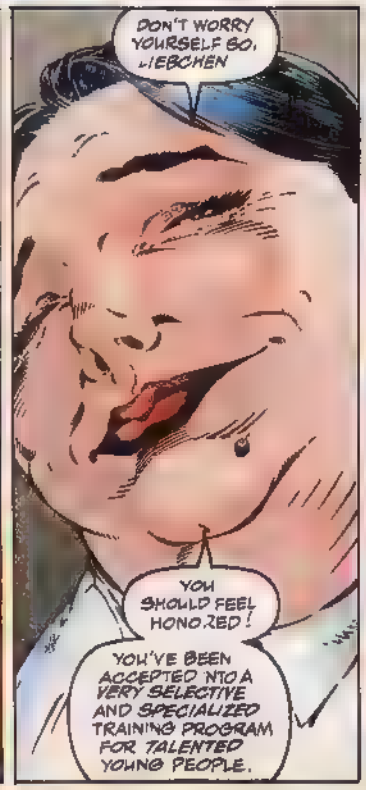
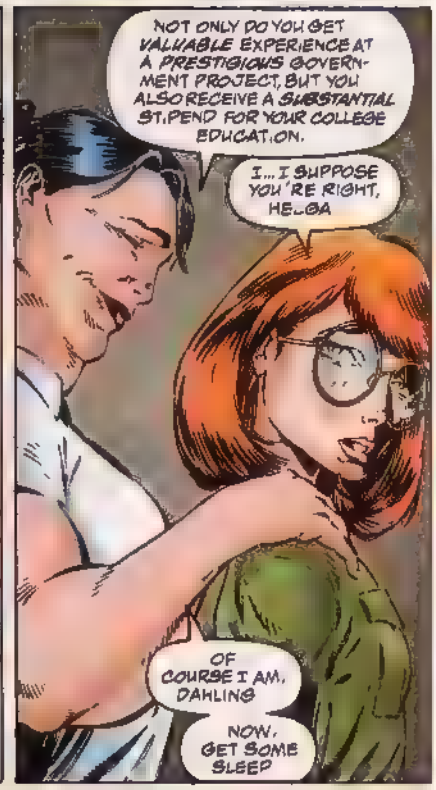
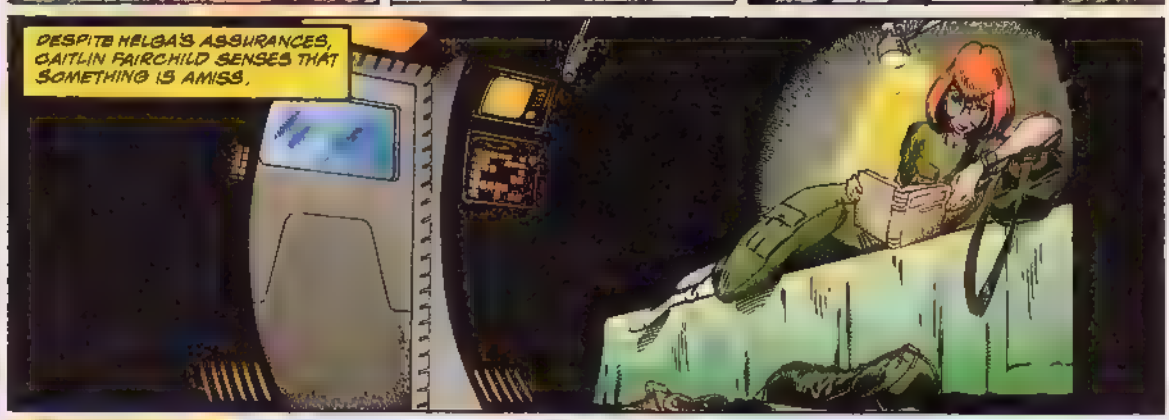
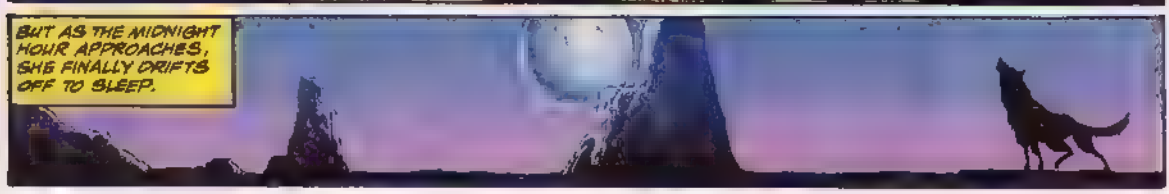
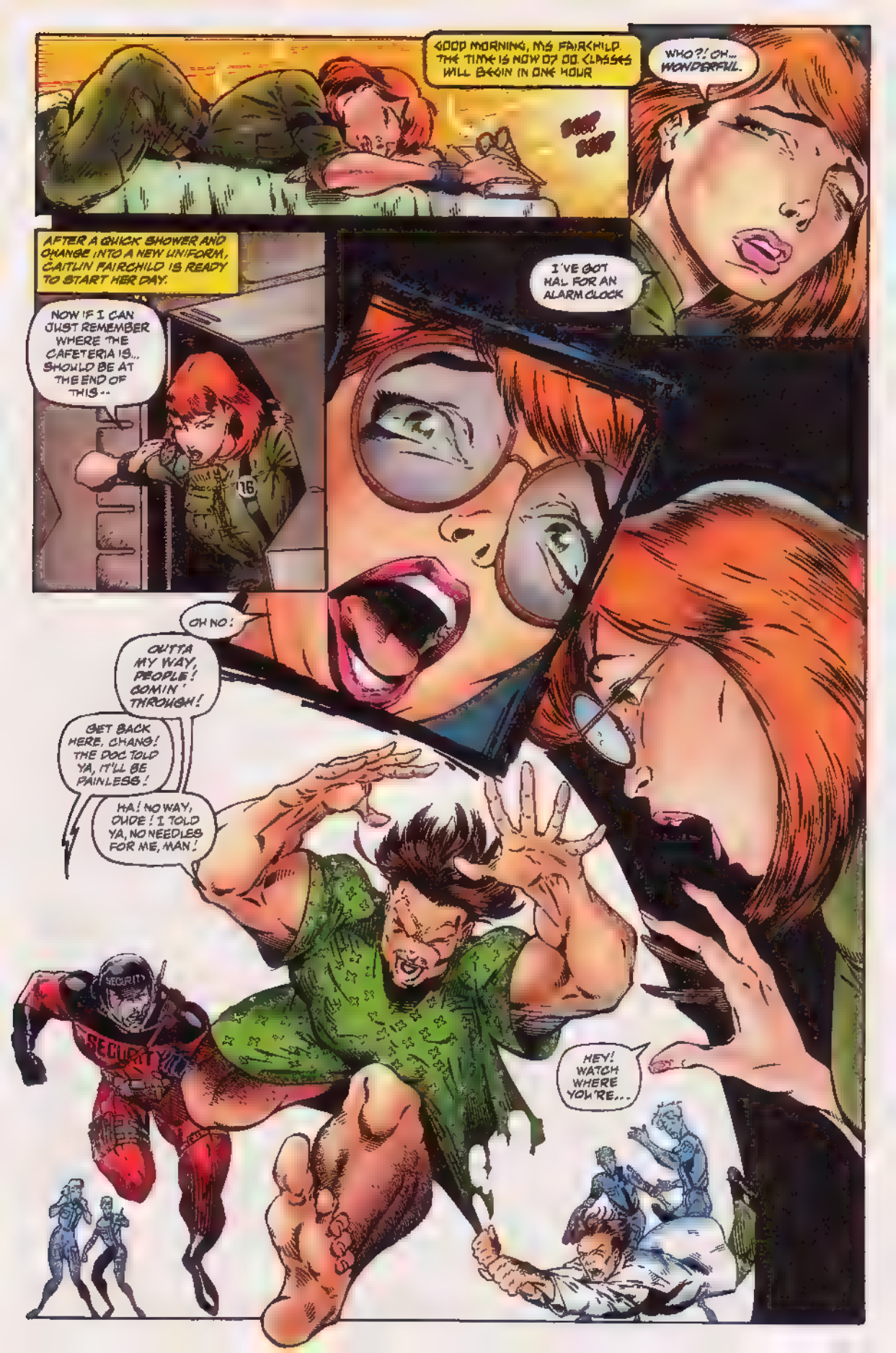

I WAS JUST WONDERING, MS KLEINMAN--
PLEASE CALL ME HELGA, DAHLING
WHEN THEY INTERVIEWED ME FOR THIS INTERNSHIP POSITION, THIS WASN'T... QUITE WHAT I EXPECTED. IT SEEMS MORE LIKE A... ROTC PROGRAM THAN A SUMMER JOB

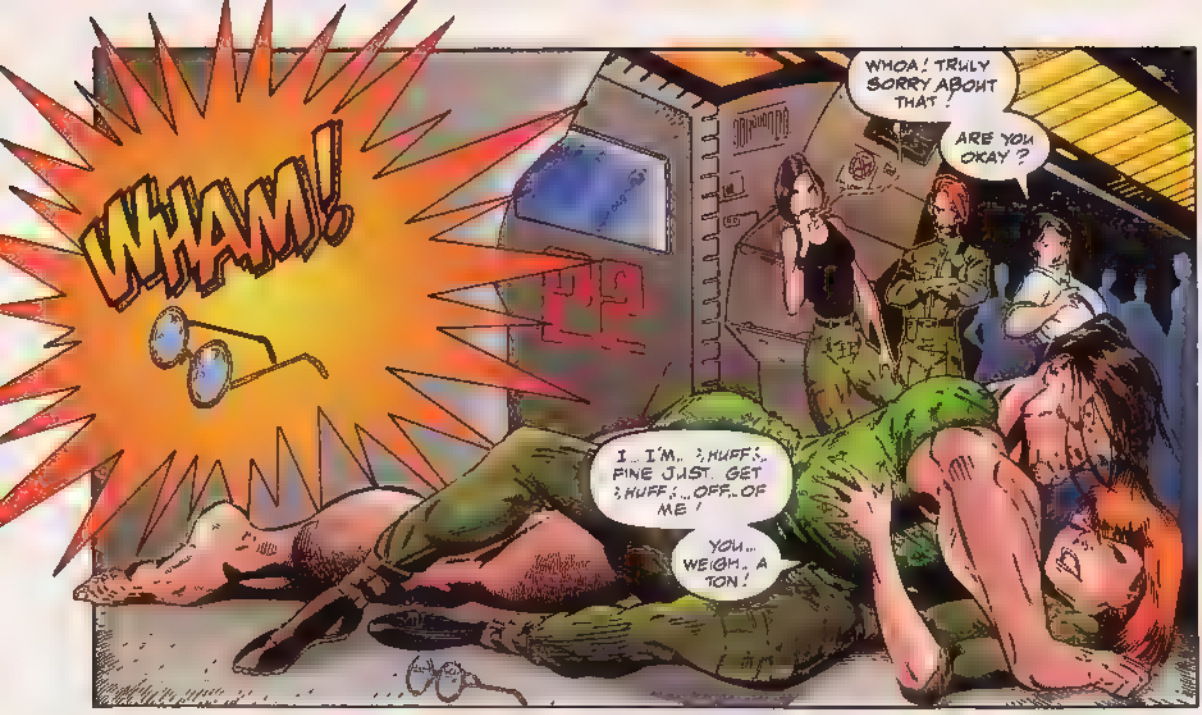

DON'T WORRY YOURSELF SO, LIEBCHEN
YOU SHOULD FEEL HONORED!
YOU'VE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO A VERY SELECTIVE AND SPECIALIZED TRAINING PROGRAM FOR TALENTED YOUNG PEOPLE.

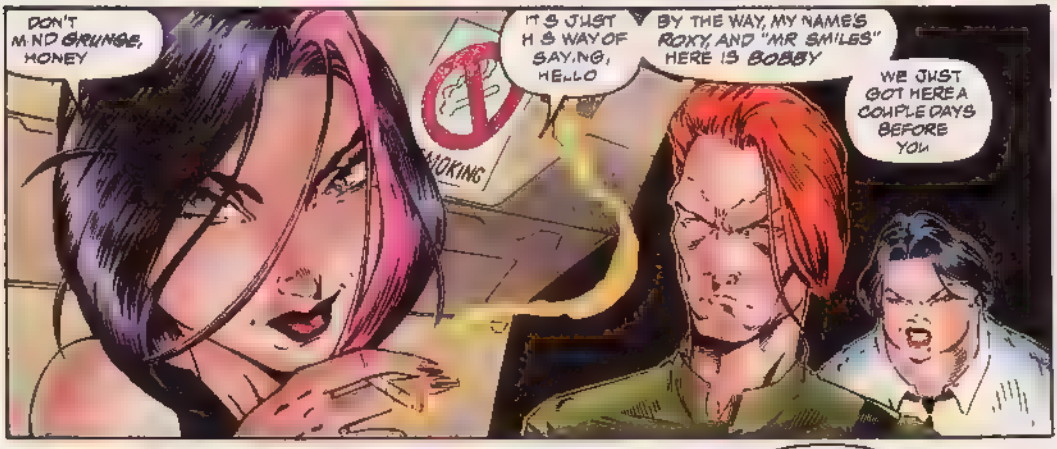

NOT ONLY DO YOU GET VALUABLE EXPERIENCE AT A PRESTIGIOUS GOVERNMENT PROJECT, BUT YOU ALSO RECEIVE A SUBSTANTIAL STIPEND FOR YOUR COLLEGE EDUCATION.
I... I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT, HELGA
OF COURSE I AM, DAHLING
NOW, GET SOME SLEEP


DESPITE HELGA'S ASSURANCES, CAITLIN FAIRCHILD SENSES THAT SOMETHING IS AMISS.


BUT AS THE MIDNIGHT HOUR APPROACHES, SHE FINALLY DRIFTS OFF TO SLEEP.

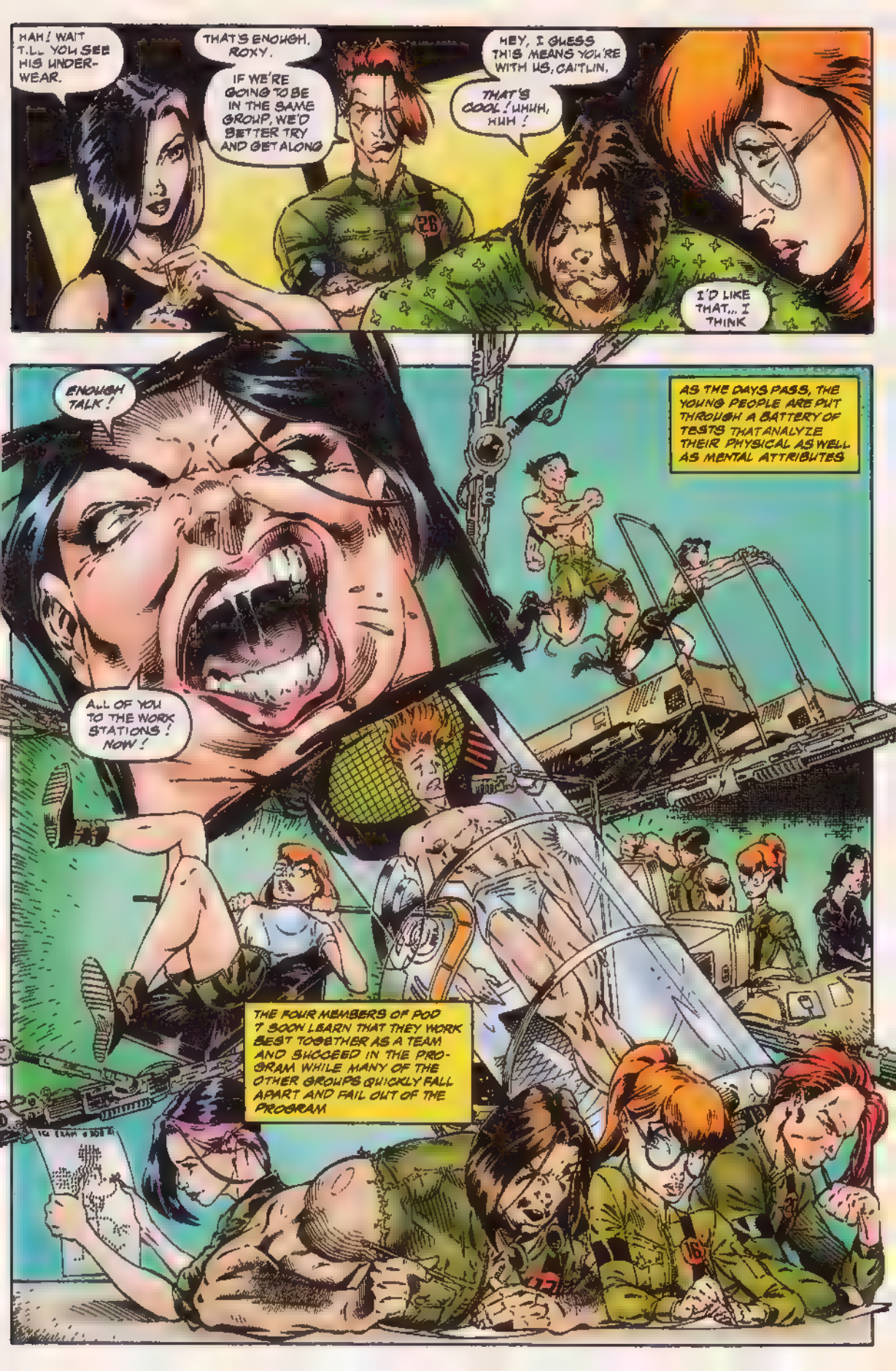

GOOD MORNING, MS FAIRCHILD. THE TIME IS NOW 07:00. CLASSES WILL BEGIN IN ONE HOUR
WHO?! OH... WONDERFUL.
AFTER A QUICK SHOWER AND CHANGE INTO A NEW UNIFORM, CAITLIN FAIRCHILD IS READY TO START HER DAY.
NOW IF I CAN JUST REMEMBER WHERE THE CAFETERIA IS... SHOULD BE AT THE END OF THIS--
I'VE GOT HAL FOR AN ALARM CLOCK
OH NO!
OUTTA MY WAY, PEOPLE! COMIN' THROUGH!
GET BACK HERE, CHANG! THE DOC TOLD YA, IT'LL BE PAINLESS!
HA! NO WAY, DUDE! I TOLD YA, NO NEEDLES FOR ME, MAN!
SECURITY
HEY! WATCH WHERE YOU'RE...


WHAM!
WHOA! TRULY SORRY ABOUT THAT!
ARE YOU OKAY?
I... I'M... ;HUFF;... FINE JUST GET ;HUFF;... OFF... OF ME!
YOU... WEIGH... A TON!

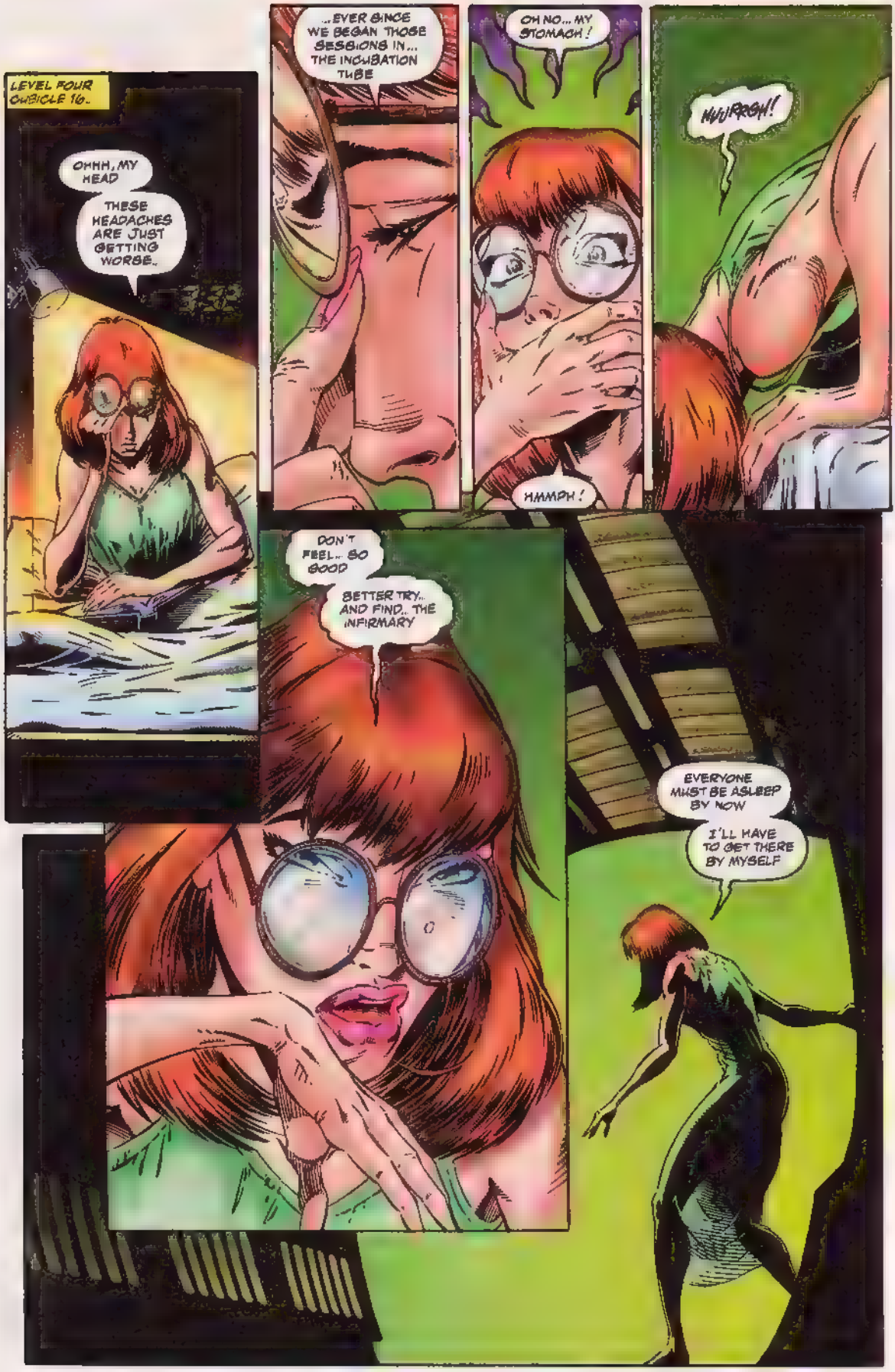

DON'T MIND GRUNGE, HONEY
IT'S JUST HIS WAY OF SAYING, HELLO
BY THE WAY, MY NAME'S ROXY, AND "MR SMILES" HERE IS BOBBY
WE JUST GOT HERE A COUPLE DAYS BEFORE YOU
SMOKING

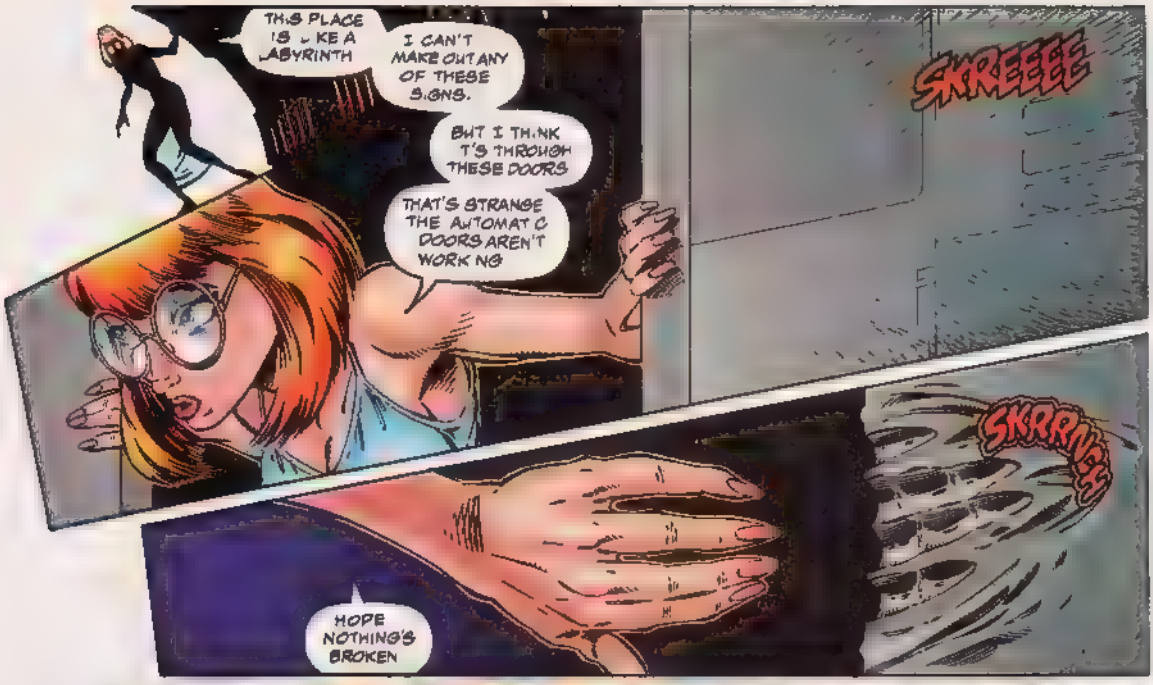
AND HAVE ALREADY FORGOTTEN THE RULES ON SMOKING, YOUNG LADY!
UH, HELGA?! LIKE... IT'S NOT MINE
I'M JUST HOLDING ON TO IT FOR SOMEONE

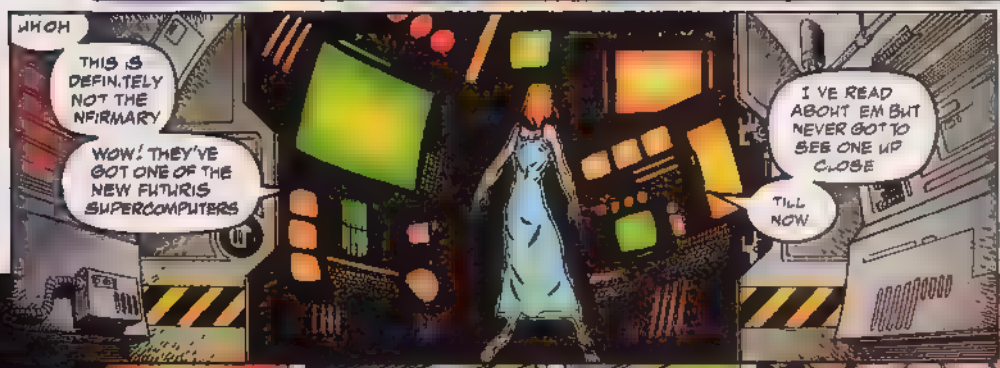
HEY, I JUST WANT TO APOLOGIZE AGAIN FOR LANDING ON YOU
NOT THAT I DIDN'T ENJOY IT, MIND YOU.
UHMMMM... WHADDYA SAY YOUR NAME WAS?
CAITLIN, CAITLIN FAIRCHILD
WHAT KIND OF NAME IS GRUNGE?

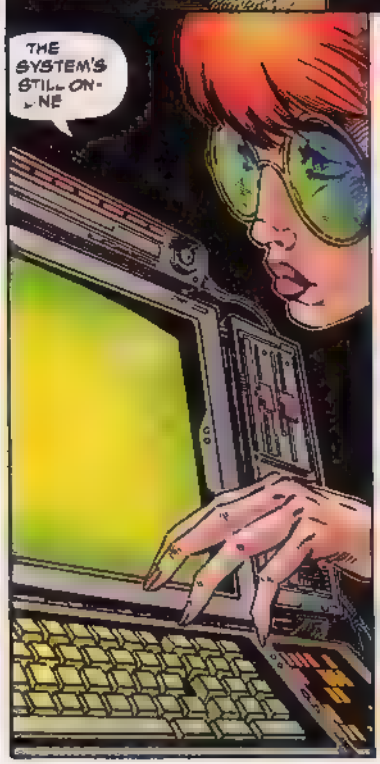

HAH! WAIT T.L. YOU SEE HIS UNDER-WEAR.
THAT'S ENOUGH, ROXY.
IF WE'RE GOING TO BE IN THE SAME GROUP, WE'D BETTER TRY AND GET ALONG
HEY, I GUESS THIS MEANS YOU'RE WITH US, CAITLIN.
THAT'S COOL! UHUH, HUH!
I'D LIKE THAT... I THINK
ENOUGH TALK!
ALL OF YOU TO THE WORK STATIONS! NOW!
AS THE DAYS PASS, THE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE PUT THROUGH A BATTERY OF TESTS THAT ANALYZE THEIR PHYSICAL AS WELL AS MENTAL ATTRIBUTES
THE FOUR MEMBERS OF POD 7 SOON LEARN THAT THEY WORK BEST TOGETHER AS A TEAM AND SUCCEED IN THE PROGRAM WHILE MANY OF THE OTHER GROUPS QUICKLY FALL APART AND FAIL OUT OF THE PROGRAM

ALL UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYE OF THE CONTROL CENTER
EXCELLENT!
THE DATA FROM THEIR SESSIONS IN THE INCUBATION TUBE INDICATES THAT THEY'RE ALREADY MANIFESTING TO A LIMITED DEGREE.
THOSE KIDS FROM THE NORTHWEST SECTOR IN POD 7 ARE DEVELOPING QUITE WELL
ESPECIALLY, ROXANNE SPAULDING AND ROBERT LANE
A LITTLE WORK WITH MATTHEW AND THEY'LL BE FULLY GEN-ACTIVE.
WOULDN'T YOU AGREE, BROTHER DEAREST?
FOR ONCE, I'D HAVE TO AGREE WITH HER, IVANA
UP THE DOSAGES OF THE ACTIVATOR DRUG IN THEIR MEALS
WE'LL GIVE THEM ONE MORE DAY TO MAN FEST IF NOTHING HAPPENS BY THEN, DISPOSE OF THEM
WITH A LITTLE WORK AND DISCIPLINE, THEY COULD BE FIELD-READY IN A COUPLE MONTHS
BUT FAIRCHILD AND GRUNGE ARE TESTING NEGATIVE FOR THE GEN-FACTOR SO FAR


LEVEL FOUR
CUBICLE 16.
OHHH, MY HEAD
THESE HEADACHES ARE JUST GETTING WORSE..
...EVER SINCE WE BEGAN THOSE SESSIONS IN... THE INCUBATION TUBE
OH NO... MY STOMACH!
HMMPH!
NUURRGH!
DON'T FEEL... SO GOOD
BETTER TRY... AND FIND.. THE INFIRMARY
EVERYONE MUST BE ASLEEP BY NOW
I'LL HAVE TO GET THERE BY MYSELF


THIS PLACE IS LIKE A LABYRINTH
I CAN'T MAKE OUT ANY OF THESE SIGNS.
BUT I THINK IT'S THROUGH THESE DOORS
THAT'S STRANGE THE AUTOMATIC DOORS AREN'T WORKING
SKREEEE
SKRRINCH
HOPE NOTHING'S BROKEN


UHOH
THIS IS DEFINITELY NOT THE INFIRMARY
WOW! THEY'VE GOT ONE OF THE NEW FUTURIS SUPERCOMPUTERS
I'VE READ ABOUT EM BUT NEVER GOT TO SEE ONE UP CLOSE
TILL NOW


THE SYSTEM'S STILL ON-LINE

GEN PROJECT ....
FAIRCHILD .....
TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK

ORD ACCEPTED...
HILD, ALEX .....
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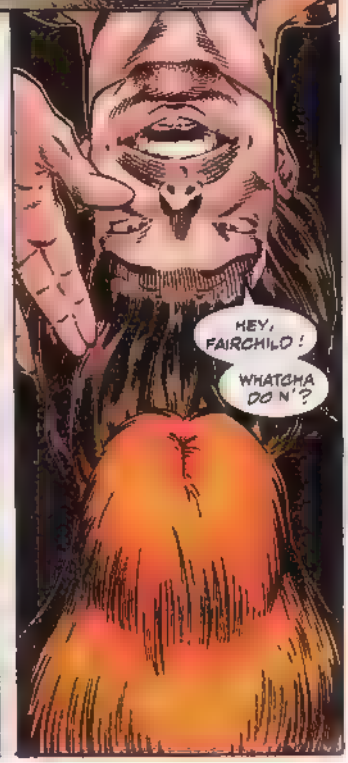
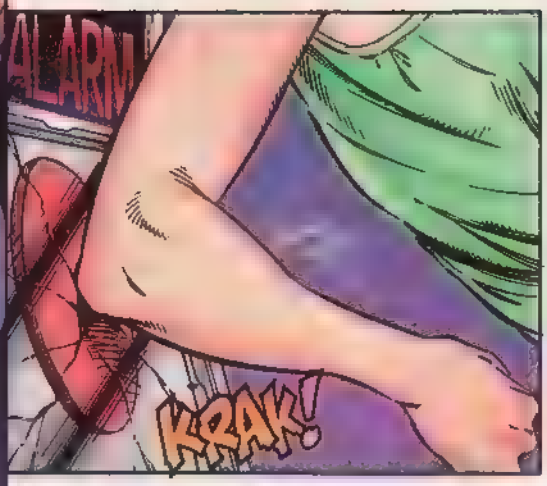
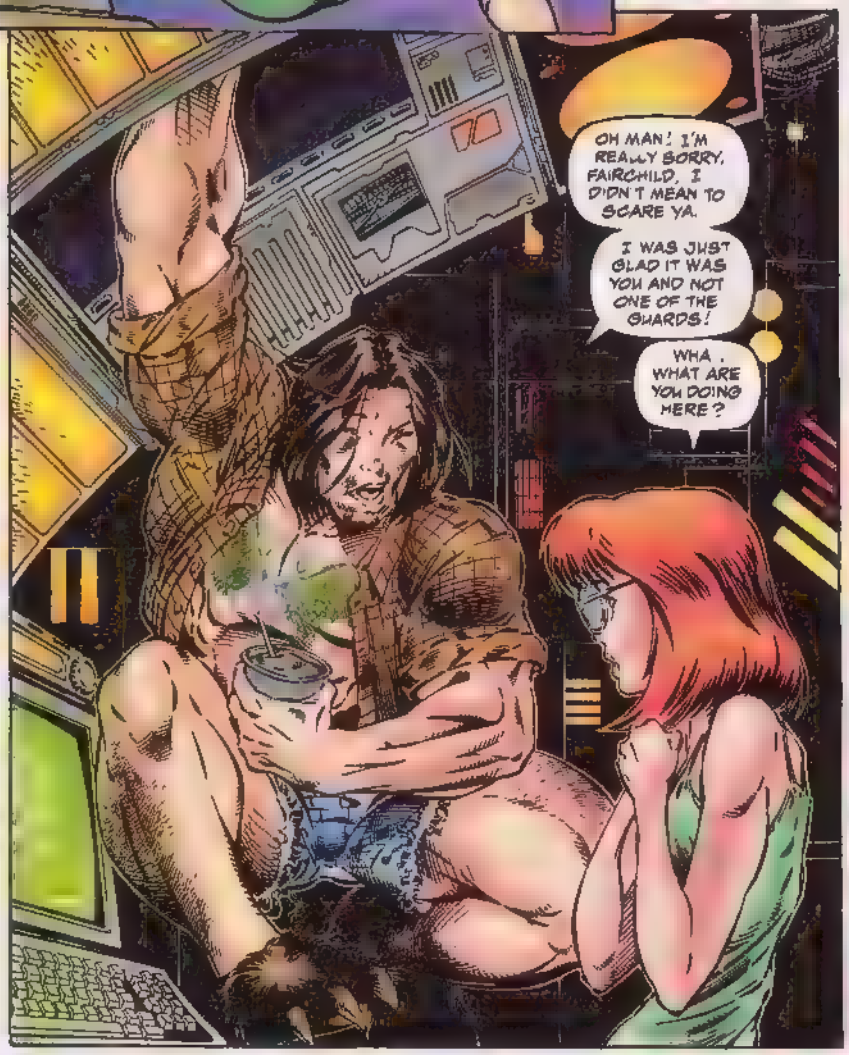
DART.....
FAIRCHILD? ALL ALEX FAIRCHILD?
THAT THAT WAS MY FATHER'S NAME


HEY, FAIRCHILD!
WHATCHA DOIN'?

YEEAAGH!
SHHH!
NO! DON'T SCREAM!
IT'S... IT'S JUST ME, GRUNGE!

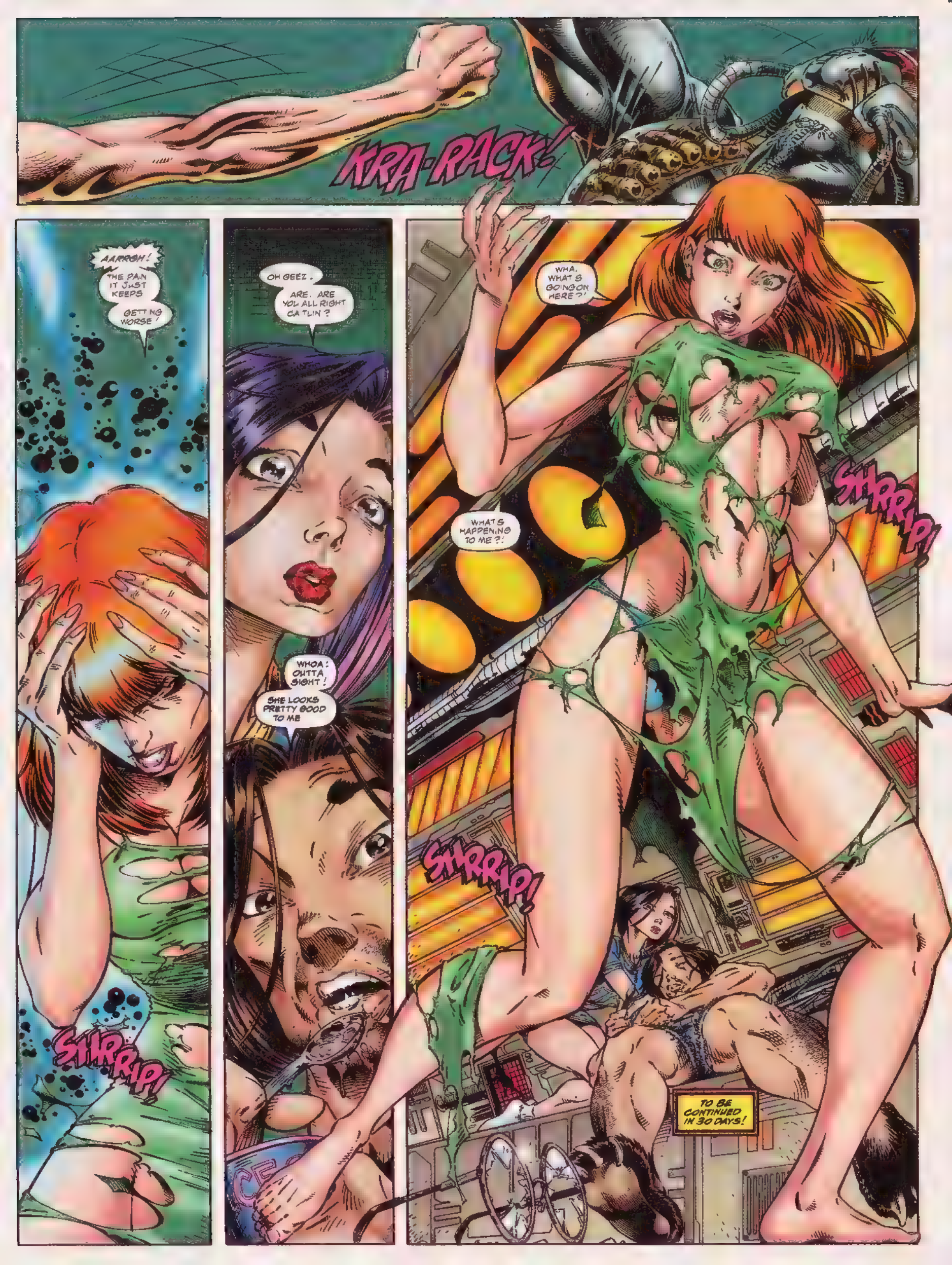

ALARM
KRAK!


OH MAN! I'M REALLY SORRY, FAIRCHILD, I DIDN'T MEAN TO SCARE YA.
I WAS JUST GLAD IT WAS YOU AND NOT ONE OF THE GUARDS!
WHA... WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

COOL, IT'S YOU, KAT.
GRUNGE AND I COME HERE ONCE IN A WHILE TO GET SOME PRIVACY.
IT'S A RESTRICTED AREA AND ALL, BUT THE REST OF THIS JOINT IS LOADED WITH SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS.
WAIT A SECOND, HOW'D YOU GET IN HERE?

CAMERAS ?
YOU MEAN THEY'VE BEEN WATCHING--
ALL OF YOU ! FREEZE !
CENTRAL ! THIS IS GATES DOWN IN COMPCORE ONE I'VE GOT AT LEAST THREE UNAUTHORIZED INTRUDERS
ROGER, GATES DETAIN THEM UNTIL BACK-UP ARRIVES
WAIT ! YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG I WAS JUST LOOKING FOR THE INFIRMA-- HUHUUNGH !
I TOLD YOU TO STAY STILL, GIRL !
CHANK
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE ?!
WHY WERE YOU ACCESSING THE COMPUTER SYSTEM ?
HEY . BACK OFF, SECURITY DUDE .
THIS AIN'T NO SEVEN-ELEVEN, YOU KNOW ?
WE'RE THE TALENTED YOUTHS OF THE GEN-13 PROJ--
SHUT UP !
THWACK!

YOU STORMTROOPER CREEP!
YOU HURT HIM!
I'M GONNA DO A WHOLE LOT WORSE IF I DON'T GET SOME ANSWERS
PLEASE, IF YOU'D JUST LISTEN FOR A SECOND--
THWACK!
UUUNGH!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO MOVE!
FOR A BUNCH OF WHIZ KIDS, YOU'RE BEING REAL STUPID!
AAARGH! THE PAIN! IT'S...BACK! BUT NOW...MY WHOLE BODY...FEELS LIKE.. IT'S ON FIRE! WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
PLAY IT SMART, GIRL
JUST STAY DOWN!
YOU...SHOULDN'T HAVE HIT ME! THAT WAS A BIG MISTAKE, BUSTER!
SZRACK!
SZRACK!
AND THE LAST ONE YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE!


KRA-RACK!
AARRGH!
THE PAIN IT JUST KEEPS GETTING WORSE!
SHRRIP!
OH GEEZ.
ARE. ARE YOU ALL RIGHT CATLIN?
WHOA! OUTTA SIGHT!
SHE LOOKS PRETTY GOOD TO ME
WHA. WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?!
SHRRIP!
SHRRIP!
TO BE CONTINUED IN 30 DAYS!

WHAT THE HECK IS THIS GEN13 THING, ANYWAY?

Welcome to the first issue of *GEN13*! We think you're gonna like it here.

Getting to that question at the top of the page, GEN13 is the result of a top secret government project called GEN12, oddly enough, that performed genetic experiments on the people who became the parents of our four teenage heroes, Burnout, Freefall, Fairchild, and Grunge. The experiments left these young people with powers, that they have only begun to discover, but which will change their lives forever.

More about this secret experiment is revealed in our companion books *Team 7* and *The Kindred*, both of which deal with different aspects of the government's sinister research.

But you already knew all that, right? Then the other answer to the question is that *GEN13* is a comic book, which you are holding in your hands, and which is the product of a number of talented individuals

J. Scott Campbell, our penciller, hails from Colorado, where he worked in the field of commercial art before being discovered in the Homage Studios Talent Search. Jeff is a phenomenally talented artist, picked by *Wizard* as one of the four people to watch in 1994, and his work on this title shows why.

Inking over Jeff is **Alex Garner**, Texan and Cowboys fan. Also a discovery of the Talent Search, Alex's interests include computer animation as well as comics. Alex is a talented penciller in his own right, as you can see in the StormWatch Sourcebook if you're fortunate enough to own a copy, and he's already becoming one of the inking superstars of the 90s.

Scripter **Brandon Choi** is familiar to most of you as the man behind WildC.A.T.s: Covert Action Teams, StormWatch, and Deathblow. If you haven't read Brandon's work before, brace yourself for some hard-hitting action/adventure.

Our lettering is by **Chris Eliopoulos**, one of the surest hands in the business and the man who enables you to read what Brandon wrote — you'd be pretty confused without Chris. **Joe Chiodo** is responsible for the dynamic colors you see in this and all of the other Wildstorm Productions books. Is Joe the best in the business? Is Fairchild tall? And then there's me, **Jeff Mariotte**. I'll be hanging out on the letters page, and I *love* to get mail. Comments, questions, artwork, whatever. Send it on. I'm never *really* happy unless I can't see my desk for all the paper piled on top of it. Which, come to think of it, means I'm happy most of the time. But I still want your mail

This current *GEN13* miniseries will run four issues. You can, however, get more *GEN13* than you can shake a stick at, if, for some reason, you *want* to shake a stick at a comic book. Through the aforementioned *Wizard* #30, you can probably still nab a copy of *GEN13* #1/2, with nifty art by Ryan Benjamin. And there'll be a limited edition GEN13 #0 ashcan coming down the pike pretty soon that you can *only* get right here, by collecting the coupons in the four issues of the miniseries and sending them to us with a measly $2.00 for postage and handling. You'll find the first one down at the bottom of this page.

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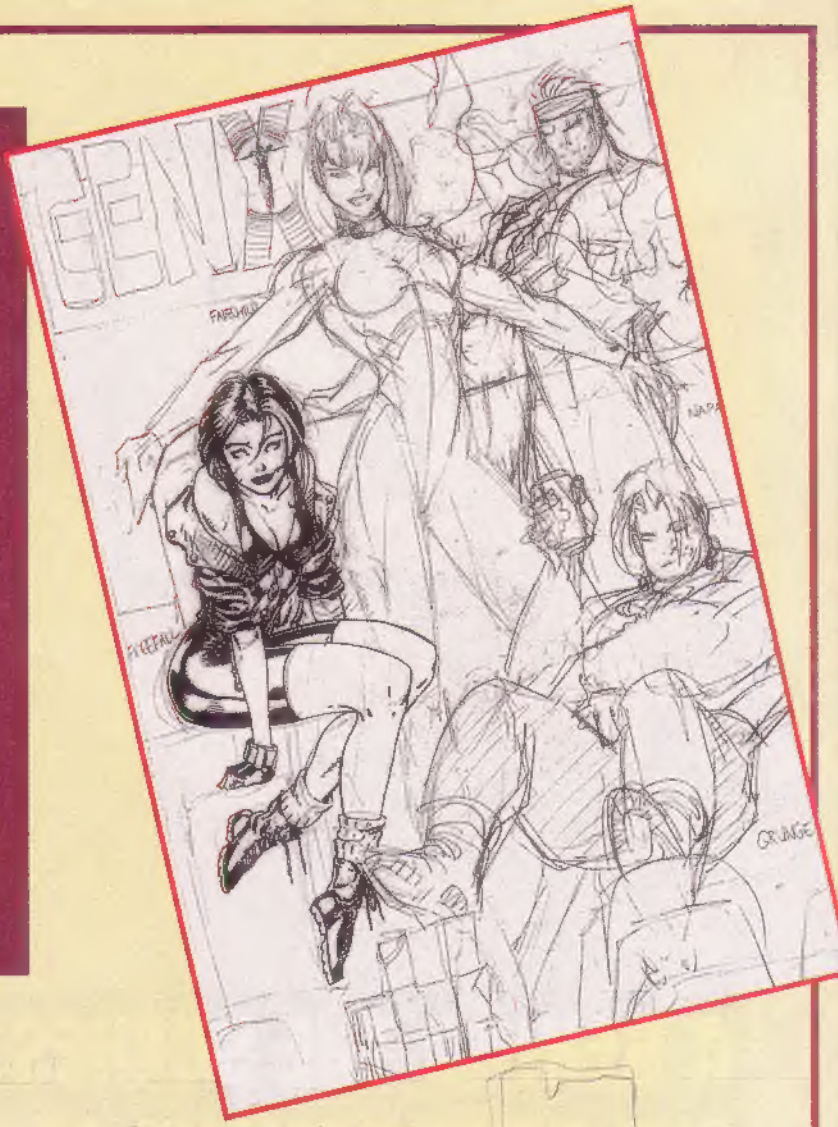

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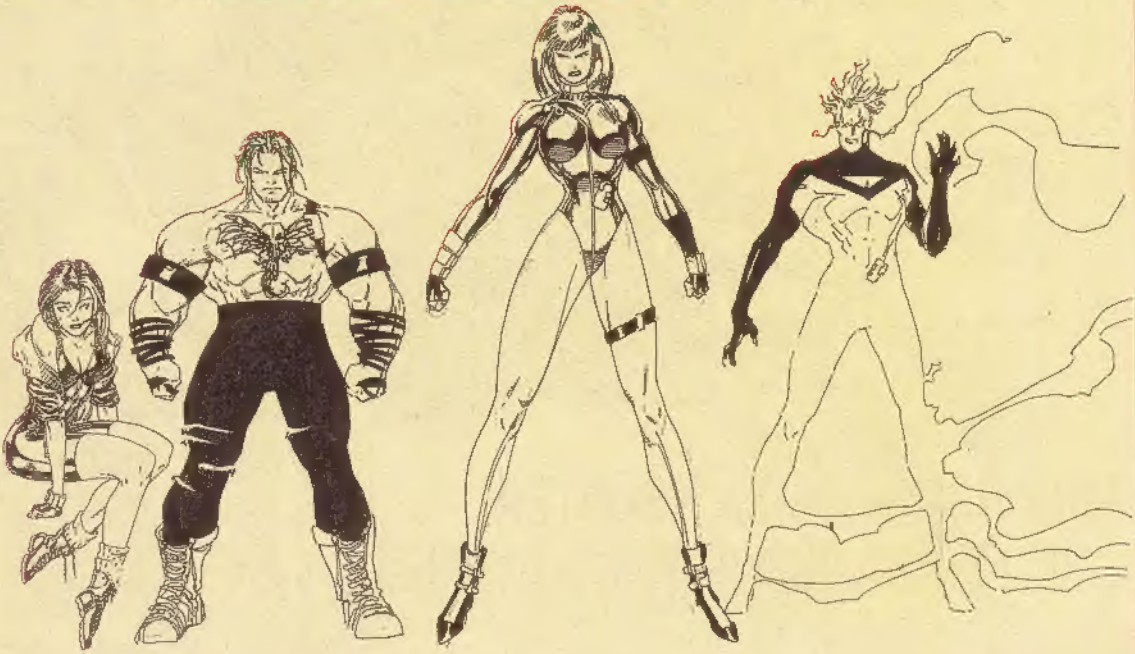
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